



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: KARER ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 09/700,367

FILED: NOVEMBER 15, 2000

FOR: GAS-PHASE FLUIDIZED-BED REACTOR

CONFIRMATION No.: 6131

GROUP ART UNIT: 1764

EXAMINER:

ALEXA A. DOROSHENK

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of June 17, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Claims 1 to 15 as submitted in applicants' preliminary amendment are currently pending in this case.

The Examiner has required election of, and restriction of the application to, one of the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1 to 10, drawn to an apparatus, and

II. Claims 11 to 15, drawn to a process which is conducted in the apparatus,

arguing that the inventions are distinct under the guidelines of MPEP §806.05(e).